

Class History

In August, 1950, the class of 1954 made its first appearance in high school. For nearly eight years our aim was to reach this goal.

Our elementary teachers must have caught a glimpse of our aims, for they mustered all their efforts to prepare us for this important step - entering high school. The great responsibility they had in teaching a group of small boys and girls to read and write and to find their way around at school was not an easy task. So to our elementary teachers a million thanks.

The one hundred and forty six students which made up the Freshman class came from various schools: Phillips, Whitakers, Inborden, and Coker. The class was divided into two sections under the supervision of Mrs. Manning and Miss Hammonds. Time passed quickly and the class discovered that it had moved one more step up the educational ladder. Mrs. Carraway became our homeroom teacher in our Sophomore year. Many of our classmates left us. This made the number dwindle from one hundred and forty six members to eighty. Jesse Daniels was elected president of our class and Bessie Dancy secretary.

In the beginning of our Junior year, the class suffered another loss of members by the removal of Halifax and Nash County students. They were lost because new buildings had been built for them in their communities. The class continued under the leadership of Mrs. Carraway. James Parker was elected president of our class; Lesterine Battle, vice president; Yvonne Wade, secretary; and Nellie Hill, treasurer.

During that year our school sponsored a contest which was called "A Big Hog Killing." James Parker, one of our classmates, was fortunate enough to be the winner of a hog. Our class also raised the highest amount of money. Consequently the Junior Class won the contest.

The event that all of us looked forward to with much anticipation was the Junior-Senior Prom. This was a very gala affair and will long be remembered by those who attended.

At last our senior year was reached. The fall of 1953 found us standing at the Threshold of graduation from high school. The organization of the class was as follows: Odessa Young, president; James Parker, vice president; Yvonne Wade, secretary; and Nellie Hill, treasurer.

An outstanding venture of the Senior class was the publishing of a Phillips High School Annual. Other activities in which the class engaged were the presentation of a Senior Class play and the preparation for graduation.

Fond thanks to our parents and teachers for their guidance and encouragement during this period of our development.

The last important high school event for this class will be the receiving of our diplomas.

Yvonne Wade, Historian

Junior Class



Dorothy Shelly, Treasurer; Paul Hunter, Vice President; Fred Hilliard, President; Carrie Batts, Secretary; Willa Jean Monroe, Assistant Secretary.



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